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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

REMARKS

Any fees that may be due in connection with this application throughout its pendency may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213.

Claims 1-6 are pending. Claim 5 is amended to correct a minor typographical error and to produce grammatical clarity. No new matter has been added.

The specification is amended to correct obvious typographical and spelling errors and to produce grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraph on page 1, lines 3-23, of the specification adds the inadvertently omitted phrase "now abandoned" to provide the current status of the cited applications. The amendment to the paragraph on page 24, lines 9-14, of the specification deletes the second occurrence of the phrase "used as" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraph on page 27, line 23, through page 28, line 5, of the specification adds the inadvertently omitted verb "described" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraphs on page 31, lines 11-30, of the specification adds the inadvertently omitted phrase "Fig. 3A" to the cited steps for clarity. The amendment finds basis in Figure 3A. The amendment to the paragraphs on page 35, line 14, through page 36, line 17, of the specification adds the inadvertently omitted phrase "Fig. 3A" to the cited steps for clarity. The amendment finds basis in Figure 3A. The amendment to the paragraph on page 37, lines 16-29, of the specification adds the inadvertently omitted phrase "Fig. 3A" to the cited steps for clarity. The amendment finds basis in Figure 3A. The amendment to the paragraphs on page 38, line 9, through page 40, line 2, of the specification adds the inadvertently omitted phrases "Fig. 3A" and "Fig. 3B" to the cited steps for clarity. The amendment finds basis in Figures 3A and 3B. The amendment to the paragraph on page 50, line 10, through page 51, line 24, of the specification adds the inadvertently omitted verb "described" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraph on page 87, lines 4-18, of the specification adds the inadvertently omitted number "5" for grammatical clarity.

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The amendment finds basis at page 87, lines 26-27, of the specification. No new matter has been added.

The abstract is amended to correct a minor typographical error. No new matter has been added.

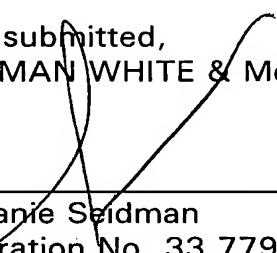
Included as an attachment is a marked-up version of the specification paragraphs that are being amended, per 37 CFR §1.121.

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Entry of this amendment and examination of the application are respectfully requested.

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